



wherein R₁ is an aliphatic group having from 1 to 30 carbon atoms and is selected from either linear, branched, cyclic, saturated, unsaturated, substituted, unsubstituted or mixtures thereof and R₂ is an aromatic group selected from mono or polycyclic ring, homo or heteroatomic, substituted or unsubstituted or mixtures thereof.

4. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently substituted with a halide, sulphur-containing functionality, nitrogen-containing functionality, an alkyl chain wherein the number of carbon atoms in the alkyl chain ranges from 1 to 20.

5. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the diacyl peroxide is benzoyl alkanoyl peroxide wherein the alkanoyl group has from 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

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6. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the diacyl peroxide is selected from the group consisting of benzoyl lauroyl peroxide, benzoyl decanoyl peroxide, benzoyl cetoyl peroxide, para-alkyl benzoyl lauroyl peroxide, para-alkyl benzoyl decanoyl peroxide, para-alkyl benzoyl cetoyl peroxide.

7. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the bleaching composition is aqueous.

8. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the bleaching composition comprises at least one surfactant.

9. (New) The method according to Claim 1 wherein said R₁ is an aliphatic group having from 4 to 20.

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10. (New) The method according to Claim 4 wherein said number of carbon atoms in said alkyl chain ranges from 4 to 12.

11. (New) The method according to Claim 6 wherein said alkyl is a pentyl and mixtures thereof.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4-8 have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention (e.g. removed "use" language). In particular, the Applicants have added a method step in Claim 1 (for basis see Specification, page 2, line 25 through page 3, line 10) and provided the limitations of Claims 2 and 3. Claims 4 and 6 have been amended to correct for indefinite language (e.g. preferably). Claims 9-11 have been added (for basis see original Claims 2, 4 and 6). No new matter has been added. Claims 1 and 4-11 remain in the application.